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The commentary below first appeared in the February edition of the magazine View Northwest.

Guest commentary

Let me say this...

By Fitzgerald Beaver

What can Black Americans do to celebrate 200 years of existence that can be looked upon as a shining momento for the next generation to see?

To anyone who has studied history, and especially Black history, it is easy to understand why Black people have such mixed emotions about celebrating the events of the last 200 years. Ninety of those 200 years were spent in slavery, and the remaining 110 years were spent in varying degrees of semi-slavery. American police forces have meant protection for Whites and humiliation for Blacks; labor unions have meant job security for Whites and tokenism and cheap labor exploitation for Blacks; the government's promise of equal opportunity has meant first class citizenship for Whites but spineless enforcement for Blacks; housing has meant shelter for Whites and rip-offs and high rise ghettoism for Blacks.

A significant number of Blacks and other minorities are still the recipients of appalling discriminatory treatment in seeking their share of the American promise. They are still less equal in opportunity than their white counterparts, who in essence are more "equal" in all relevant areas of achieving the good life. And this is the hub of the problem. It is the stumbling block, the obstacle to resolving discrimination and prejudice in our society.

One can hardly deny that even up to the present time the Blacks have and are still suffering economically, way out of proportion to their numbers. Thus, in very hard times, being "more equal" continues to pay off, especially when one has to feed, house and clothe one's family.

No one in this society should be given the advantage of being more equal than anyone else. Every opportunity for growth and achievement should be based on the concept that we all start at the beginning on an equal footing.

So it is easy to see why it is hard to be Black and be a patriotic American at the same time. But it *has* happened, and most Black people are, in fact, patriotic Americans, because they know that their ancestors contributed to the growth of America. No one can argue that Blacks have not participated in the development of America. Thus it would seem logical that there should be no doubt or misgiving against Blacks sharing in the glory and pageantry of the Bicentennial.

Blacks fought in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World Wars I and II, and the Korean and Viet Nam Wars. And they fought for the same things as all Americans--liberty, freedom and justice for all.

And when the true record is written, "...historians will record that whoever was false, the Blacks were true" So wrote A.P. Smith in 1862, in a letter to President Abraham Lincoln. The often quoted phrase "Blacks wrote in blood and sweat what Thomas Jefferson wrote with pen and ink" still holds true.

Perhaps with greater knowledge of the Black man's contribution to America, Whites will cease to view Blacks as "loafers and freeloaders". And with a greater appreciation of our own achievements, hopefully will come a deeper sense of pride and self-esteem for Blacks.

Certainly the youth of America, Black and White, can use a good shot of unsung Black accomplishments, and not just an over-dose of *Superfly*-type movies with glorified pimps and prostitutes.

America hasn't lived up to her dreams. America has had 200 years to live up to the Declaration of Independence, which is now being celebrated. The only thing that is wrong with the Declaration of Independence is that the ones who wrote it and adopted it were insincere. The Declaration of Independence was not to them a statement of principles, but rather a statement in support of their rebellion.

So now we hear rosey speeches, flag wavers and marchers extolling American virtues. But we as Black Americans should participate in the Bicentennial by keeping before all America her sins. When America gloats over its greatness in the world community, ask how many people died of malnutrition last year. When America talks about how rich this country is we need to remind her of how she exploited and continues to exploit Black resources, as she has done over the last 200 years. There is no proof on record that America has volunteered to bring equality and respect to the Black man: not in Europe, not in South America, not in Africa, not in Asia nor in the Middle East. Black America should participate in the Bicentennial by giving leadership in building a humane moral and ethical climate here at home and around the world.

Black America should showcase the heroic deeds that Blacks achieved in building a foundation that White America claims. Black America cannot leave the job of rebuilding equal justice and equal opportunity to White America alone. Black America should join hands with White America to do what should be done to make the American dream a reality for all.

Black America can celebrate the Bicentennial by calling on all office seekers, White and Black, all appointed persons, churches, municipal, state and national judges, and all candidates for office in 1976, to answer these questions: What will you do about war? About a military budget of $100 billion in peace time? About unemployment, unjust tax laws, crime, health insurance, bussing, equal justice and equal opportunity for all?

And from those answers we must determine our vote for all candidates, especially for the President of the United States.

Affirmative Action Workshop Presented At Tacoma Community College

Representatives from various agencies throughout the state participated in the workshop. The first presentation was made by Mr. James Warren, Office of Federal Contract Compliance. Mr. Warren gave the audience an idea about what the tasks of his office involve.

According to Mr. Warren, his office provides technical assistance to those in need of the services as related to Executive Order 11246. Each agency is assigned areas to monitor. One of the responsibilities of his office is compliance review. If an agency is shown not to be in compliance , a show cause letter is issued. According to Mr. Warren, only one show cause letter has been issued from HEW. That letter was issued to the University of Washington. Fourteen days after the letter is issued, an Intent to Disbar should be issued.

Mr. Warren elaborated on the problems involved in enforcing Executive Orders, and pointed out three problems which cause failure in the program: being underfunded, understaffed, and having the wrong people in charge.

Ms. Rindetta Jones, director for Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action at Evergreen State College, informed the group that Evergreen is in the process of recruiting minority faculty members. The fields include law and corrections, teaching and Radio and Television. Persons interested should contact Mr. Rudy Martin, dean.

Larry Sanford, affirmative action officer of Seattle First National Bank spoke of the obstacles involved in accomplishing his goals. He views an affirmative action officer as a powerless individual and defined 'affirmative action' as being a political game. "Making those people accountable who make things happen is the key to a successful affirmative action program."

The final presentation was made by Mr. Lee Carter, member of the Constitutional Commission. Mr. Carter informed the workshop that the state constitution was written in 1889. This constitution is five times longer than the U.S. constitution. It has been amended 86 times. He encouraged members to become involved in what is happening within our state. Support for HJR 25 was requested. This ussue would appear on the '76 ballot.

This bill which supports a Constitutional Convention in 1977 (rewriting the constitution), was defeated in the House. It is now in the Senate. Persons interested in communicating with legislative members may call the toll-free number 1-800-562-6000.

Black Heritage

Sergeant First Class Calvin Ceasar of the Madigan Army Medical Center race relations office places a drum in a showcase of African art objects. The display was at Madigan for several days as part of the Center's observance of Black History Month. The collection was loaned to Madigan by Irwin Krigsmand, principal of Larchmont elementary school in Tacoma.

Streamlining of Government's Minority Banker Urges E.E.O. Programs In Testimony Before Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A top official of the National Bankers Association, the trade group for minority-owned banks, has urged Congress to establish a representative citizen's commission to look into the Federal Government's enforcement machinery for equal opportunity and contract compliance programs.

David Harper, President of Independence National Bank in Detroit, testified before the House Education and Labor subcommittee on Equal Opportunity as chairman of the Lesgilative Committee for the NBA.

In his testimony, Harper focused on three areas: (1) where the banking industry stands today in minority employment; (2) problems of upward mobility in banking; and (3) steps that can be taken to improve the government's overall enforcement operation.

In discussing the third point, Harper said, "I am sorry to say there is growing concern and dissatisfaction with the enforcement machinery and the disenchantment is being expressed by both employees and employers, and the complaints are coming from both whites and Blacks. The paperwork and red tape are proliferating and the regulations, as they get more sophisticated and more complicated, are open to a variety of interpretations."

Harper pointed out that 17 agencies have been designated as compliance agencies under the Office of Federal Contract Compliance, with about 1,800 compliance personnel, costing the Federal Government more than $25 million annually.

Confusion and duplication, Harper said, resulting from some large bank holding companies may be subjected to compliance reviews by two or three different agencies. "Each agency has its own interpretation of the regulations and its own ideas about various aspects of the program. As the interpretations and personnel change, the firms in private industry have to go through time-consuming and expensive changes in their system just to get the information sought by government."

Harper said that some firms with the best records in minority employment are being "turned off" by the emphasis on form instead of substance. "For example, the Department of Treasury has been criticized for not issuing more 'show cause' orders and not taking deposits away from more banks. Yet, as I stated earlier, the banking industry's record has been very encouraging."

In recommending the establishment of a commission to analyze the compliance programs of all Federal Government agencies, Harper said the membership of such an advisory group would include leaders of the civil rights groups along with representatives of private industry.

"This blue ribbon group from outside government should analyze the whole field of equal opportunity, develop some long-range goals and objectives and determine the best method of achieving the desired results," Harper said. "Progress was rapid during the early years of these programs because so many employers had so far to go. Yet, progress has not been even across the board; some industries and some efforts were more successful in increasing employment opportunities. This commission should single out the areas where the greatest potential exists and where the combined efforts of government and business have been the weakest."

Harper added, "Perhaps, it would make snese to combine the 17 separate compliance agencies into one. Such a move would lead to more uniform interpretation, more meaningful statistics and comparisons and might lead to the need for fewer but better qualified compliance officers. Such a reorganization would also allow the centralized agency to concentrate its efforts in areas showing the poorest results."

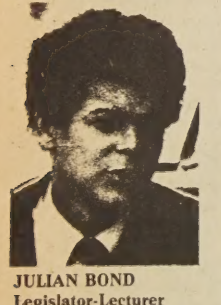
Harper said the commission should also look into the effectiveness of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which, he said, has a backlog of complaints up to 115,000.

In the area of equal employment opportunity, the banking industry has done better than other industries, according to Harper. However in order to solve the problems of upward mobility in banking and increase hiring of minorities, the industry should reinforce its efforts in recruitment and management training and education, Harper said.

NBA Picks Bond To Run For President

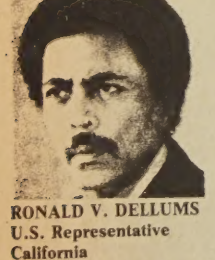
Finance Key Factor

The National Black Assembly has chosen Georgia State Senator Julian Bond as its candidate for President.



JULIAN BOND
Legislator-Lecturer
Georgia

A special NBA committee selected the popular Atlanta Democrat over five other possible candidates that include Rep. John Conyers, D-Michigan, Dicka Gregory, Rep. Ron Dellums, D-California, and Richard G. Hatcher, Mayor of Gary, Indiana.



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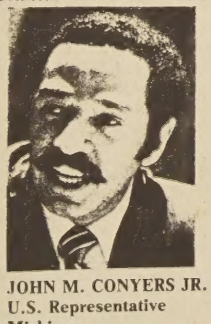
biannual National Black Political convention will be asked to vote on approval of the NBA's selection of Bond, and to ratify the 1976 strategy and adopt the NBA's 1976 black political platform. The convention will be held in Cincinnatti March 17-21.

Bond said he was "flattered" at the NBA's interest, but said he did not plan to be involved in any political race other than his own sensational election until the 1976 legislative session is over in March.



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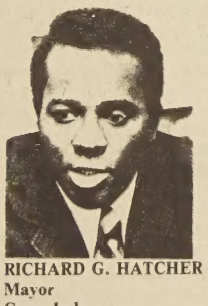
U.S. Representative
Michigan

Political observers say, however, that Bond will accept the condidacy if the NBA can come up with enough money to run a significant campaign.

NBA Chairperson Ron Daniels said his organization hopes to become enough of a serious factor to draw significant votes away from both major political parties.



RICHARD G. HATCHER
Mayor
Gary, Ind.

If successful, the NBA would use its votes as leverage to influence one or both major political parties to accept part of the NBA platform in their Presidential campaigns.

Delegates to the third

Elections begin now

The political campaigns of 1976 are beginning to pick up momentum, with the early contestants already on the campaign trail. Many important decisions will be made at the ballot box this year nationally and locally.

But long before election day arrives many of the major decisions will have been made. The time to get involved is now.

All candidates need help -- from making policy decisions to addressing envelopes. There are many interesting and important jobs to be done and this is the way to find out how the system works and to get into the "inner circle".

Let's not wait until the day after the election and then grumble because it did not turn out the way we wanted.

Immunization Survey Begins

OLYMPIA -- Parents of 766 two-year-olds throughout the state will receive Immunization Questionnaires from the Department of Social and Health Services this week.

John A. Beare, M.D., director of the Health Services Division, said today that questionnaires will be mailed February 2 to parents of children randomly selected from Washington State birth records of January and February 1974.

These children were selected out of the 7,745 babies born during that period to provide a statistically valid sample if immunization levels in this age group.

Beare said the purpose of the survey is to assist in planning future immunization programs by showing how immunization levels may relate to age group and population. He urged parents to check with their physicians and/or local health department records in order to complete the questionnaires accurately.

Return envelopes with postage prepaid are included with the questionnaires. Parents who have not yet secured all of the recommended immunizations for their two-year-olds are urged to return the questionnaires along with those who have completed the series. Follow-ups at two-week intervals will be scheduled if necessary to assure completion of the survey.

Charles Evers Wants To Head NAACP

Fayette, Mississippi Mayor Charles Evers says he would like to replace Roy Wilkins as Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

During a taping of NBN's Black Issues and the Black Press, to be aired this weekend on 65 National Black Network stations, Evers responded to the question of who should take over when Mr. Wilkins steps down into his announced retirement.

MAYOR EVERS

by saying "well the best man would be Charles Evers, as far as that would never get it...it's no way they would elect me..I could do more for the NAACP than all of them put together".

Recounting the years when his late brother, Medgar, headed the Mississippi branch, Evers said he is still at odds with the association's leadership, adding "the main hierarchy of the NAACP never accepted my way of doing things, and my whole pet thing with them....was I had a beef with them for the way they treated my brother... I'll never forget that."

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Mrs. Bessie Elizabeth Blake, 65, of 1918 So. Yakima departed this life Monday afternoon February 9, 1976 at Myholme Nursing Care facility in Tacoma, Washington.

She was born June 19, 1910 in Muskogee, Oklahoma to Bud and Hattie Fisher and grew up there. Mrs. Blake came into the Baptist church at an early age. Both parents precede her in death.

Mrs. Blake was united in holy matrimony to Benny Blake and this union was terminated by death. She gave birth to a son, Leon, who also died in infancy. Mrs. Blake moved to Tacoma in 1941 and was employed at the Lockheed Shipyard during WW II. She was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church.

She was loved by everyone and was affectionately known either as 'Ma Bessie' or 'Aunt Bessie'. She loved people and had worked as a part time nurse. Mrs. Blake will be missed by her many friends.

Those whom she brightened their lives during her stay on this earth include her stepsons, Benny and Fred Gardner of Tacoma and Elmer Gardner stationed with the U.S. Army in El Paso, Texas; 3 grandchildren of Tacoma and 1 grandchild of Los Angeles.

Services were held at 1 p.m. on Friday February 13 at the Hill Top Chapel. Pastor E. S. Brazill officiated and services were directed by the House of Scott Mortuary.

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Mrs. Annie Kate McCants, 63, of 2215 S. 19th Street, departed this life Monday afternoon February 9, 1976 at Tacoma General Hospital in Tacoma, Washington.

Mrs. McCants was born January 23, 1913 in Buena Vista, Georgia to Byron and Inez (Chaney) Story. She was raised there and accepted Christ at an early age. She was united in holy matrimony to Homer McCants in Butler, Ga. He precedes her in death. This union was blessed with 4 children now living: Mrs. Mattie Milligan and Mrs. Katie Greenwood, both of Tacoma, and Mr. Herman McCants of Philadelphia, Pa. and Mr. Lewis McCants of Columbus, Ga.

Mrs. McCants was a loving soul and believed in helping where she could. She loved preparing food for others and singing. She was a member of the Central Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Others whose lives she brightened besides those of her children include one sister, Mrs. Mary Alice Senior of Philadelphia and 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday February 14 at 11 a.m. in the Hill Top Chapel. Minister Bastian Vant Hoff officiated. Services were directed by the staff of the House of Scott Mortuary. Final resting place for the deceased is New Tacoma cemetary.

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Michael Allen Stephans, 16, of 2508 So. 13th departed this life Tuesday February 10, 1976 at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma, Washington after suffering from muscular dystrophy for many years.

Michael was born here in Tacoma November 24, 1959 to Robert, Jr. and Mary Stephens. He lived here all of his short life and was a member of the Protestant faith. He was a student at Truman Jr. High.

Those whose lives he brightened besides his father and mother include 3 sisters: Misses Kathy, Marian and Margaret Ann, all of the home; 2 grandfathers, Mr. Flether Nalls of Tacoma, and Mr. Luther Colom of Ayers, Mass. Also surviving is one aunt Mrs. Lillie Mae Houston, and 3 cousins.

Service arrangements are under the direction of the House of Scott Mortuary.

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COMMUMITY CALENDAR

CONTESSA CLUB PRESENTING AFRICAN SAFARI DANCE

The Contessa's Club of Tacoma, presents their 7th Annual African Safari Dance. The African Safari is symbolic of our African Heritage. What better time to symbolize African heritage than during the month of February -- "Black History Month."

This year, the dance will be held in Olympia at the beautiful Tyee Motor Inn (I-5 to Exit 102), Friday night, February 20, 1976, 9:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Although African dress is not mandatory, there will be a prize awarded for the African dress of the evening. The dance will take place in the Tyee's Skokomish Room. Dancing will be to live music by "FRESH".

In the past, proceeds for this affair have been donated to various types of charitable efforts. African dolls will be auctioned at the dance. The African dolls sold last year were used to benefit a person on a kidney machine. The club also has a scholarship fund which, at present, is a two-year scholarship for a mother of six.

We'll be counting on you for the success for this evening. We expect to see you all. For further information please contact: Ann Walker, President; Chairperson Barbara O'Neill, Olympia at 491-7655; Lois Jackson, Tacoma at BR 2-0742. Contessa is an organization consisting of women from the community interested in public service.

TCC'S JAZZ WORKSHOP STAGE BAND TO MAKE SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The Tacoma Community College Jazz Workshop Stage Band has planned two off-campus presentations.

Friday, February 20, the band, directed by Tom Hanson, will be performing at McCarver Grade School starting at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 22, the band will travel to McNeil Island to perform for prisoners at the Federal Penitentiary. That concert is slated to start at 1:30 p.m.

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Notice

TAMBOURINES TO GLORY AT TACOMA'S FORUM

Black Arts/West Theatre's production of the Black Gospel musical by Langston Hughes, TAMBOURINES TO GLORY, will be presented at the Forum Auditorium in Tacoma on Sunday, February 22nd, at 3:00 p.m.

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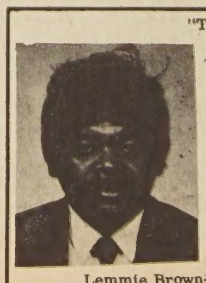

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P.L.U. Plans Dance Marathon To Raise Funds For Muscular Dystrophy

Yowsa! Yowsa! Yowsa!

It's been 40 years since that catchword meant anything to anyone, but it will be heard again at Pacific Lutheran University this coming weekend.

The dance marathon, a big fad in the 1930's, is being resurrected at PLU to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association of America.

Associated Students at PLU are sponsoring the marathon. It will be held in PLU's Memorial Gymnasium beginning Friday, February 20, at 9 p.m. and continuing until midnight Saturday, February 21.

The final number of participants won't be known until shortly before the marathon begins, according to coordinator Chet Dawson. At present he expects some 40 couples to be dancing for marathon money. Additional funds will be raised from other dance participants and spectators.

In addition to PLU couples, entrants are expected from University of Puget Sound, Tacoma Community College and Green River Community College. All western Washington colleges have been invited to send entries, Dawson indicated.

Schools clubs and fraternities can sponsor couples, according to Dawson.

Lowdown, Pepper Grass and the Coppertones (formerly Peter Pimple and the Zits) are among the dance bands participating, Dawson added.

Theme of the marathon is "Dance for those who can't." "The dance marathon combines energy with dollars to help fight meuromuscular disease," Dawson said. "It is probably the most popular fund raising program among students across the country."

Special guests during the marathon include Fred Brown of the Seattle Sonics; Jack Patera, new head coach of the Seahawks; members of the Seattle Sounders; and others.

KINT radio will be conducting a live simulcast intermittently throughout the marathon.

The "recent" dance marathon idea started at the University of Maryland in 1970. It went national in 1973 with dances at colleges coast-to-coast.

Money is used for MD research programs, patient and community services, public education and professional training, according to Dawson.

Interested sponsors are invited to call Dawson or Jim Clymer at PLU's student government offices.

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THIRD WORLD RACISM AT THE U.N. ---------

Editor's Note: This column was written by Eldridge Cleaver from his prison cell in California and published in the Boston Herald-American.

Cleaver defends Zionism and Israel and, referring to his own years living in Arab countries, attacks the Arab bloc as being amongst the most racist of people and still slave owners to this day. He says that "little so-called countries" -- including "black African dictatorships" economically dependent on the Arabs -- should not have a vote equal to the U.S. in the UN General Assembly. Cleaver also calls Uganda's Idi Amin a "crude, hired killer" and says Ambassador Pat Moynihan's UN hardline isn't hard enough.

by Eldridge Cleaver

Two aspects of the recent UN resolution labeling Zionism as racist both shocked and surprised me. Shocked because, of all the people in the world, the Jews have not only suffered particularly from racist persecution, they have done more than any other people in history to expose and condemn racism. Generations of Jewish social scientists and scholars have labored long and hard in every field of knowledge, from anthropology to psychology, to lay bare and refute all claims of racial inferiority and superiority. To condemn the Jewish survival doctrine of Zionism as racism is a travesty upon the truth.

Secondly, I am surprised that the Arabs would choose to establish a precedent condemning racism because it can so easily and righteously be turned against them. Having lived intimately for several years among the Arabs, I know them to be among the most racist people on earth. No one knows this better than black Africans living along the edges of the Sahara.

Once while traveling through Bamoko, Mali, a cab driver flew into a rage when we asked him to take us to the Algerian embassy. When he learned that we actually lived in Algeria, he concluded that we were crazy.

"Man," he said irritatedly, "don't you know that the Arabs still have black slaves?"

He was right, although I didn't find out until later. Many Arab families that can afford to, keep one or two black slaves to do their menial labor. Sometimes they own an entire family. I have seen such slaves with my own eyes. Once I pressed an Algerian official for an explanation of the status of these people, and he ended up describing a complicated form of indentured servitude. The conversation broke up when I told him that it was nothing but a hypocritical form of slavery.

I have the deepest sympathy for the Palestinian people in their search for justice, but I see no net gain for freedom and human dignity in the world if power blocs, because of their ability to underwrite sagging economies for a season, are able to ram through the UN resolutions repugnant to human reason and historical fact.

The combination of Communist dictatorships, theocratic Arab dictatorships, and economically dependent black African dictatorships are basically united in their opposition to the democratic forces inside their own borders. This gives them a lot in common and lots of room and motivation to wheel and deal among themselves. But it is not a combination deserving of respect by people from countries enjoying democratic liberties and traditions of freedom. It is a combination that must be struggled against.

But it seems to me that the Western democracies, the United States above all, are so guilt-ridden because of their past history as colonizers that they now swallow, hook, line and sinker, every half-baked argument emanating from thw wise men of the General Assembly.

I believe that the time has come to re-examine the credentials of all the members of the General Assembly. Why should all these little so-called countries with miniscule populations have a vote equal in weight to that of the United States? When such votes are cast in the reckless manner of the anti-Zionist resolution, it is time to sit up and take notice.

The so-called hardline adopted at the UN by Ambassador Moynihan seems too soft to me, and the support which he is getting in certain political circles is softer still. But the stakes in the struggle in the international arena are high. The General Assembly is no longer filled with Mahatma Gandhis pleading the case of the downtrodden, colonized masses. It is now a forum for crude, hired killers like Idi Amin Dada, the hatchet man of Uganda.

But it is not enough to criticize the negative aspects of the UN in print and fiery speeches, and then lose the crucial votes when the chips are down. Concrete steps must be taken to render the UN structurally incapable of cynical manipulation by hypocritical power blocs that devour freedom in the name of a just cause and undermine democratic principles with a reckless distortion of the right to vote.

It may seem paradoxical that I write these words from a prison cell in California. I am certainly not a stranger to racism. I have personally experienced it in the ghettoes and prison yards of America. But I have also personally shared the experience of thousands of men and women now languishing in the prisons of Communist and Third World countries. The cause of democracy and freedom can best be served when men and women speak out against the forces that seek to nullify them, even if this means speaking out from a prison cell.

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Ft. Lewis Presents "Sisterhood" Night

On February 11, Ms. Natalie Leath served as guest speaker for "Sisterhood" night at Ft. Lewis. Her topic was "Black Woman Today". In this presentation she spoke of Sojourner Truth and Clare Booth Luce.

Ms. Leath quoted statistics about the woman worker such as: nine out of ten women work; half of the women ages 18-64 are employed; 77% of the workers are in a clerical position and 5% of these are craft workers.

According to the speaker, there is a need for upward mobility among female workers. Ms. Leath described herself as a feminist rather than a women's libber. She also elaborated on the accomplishments of Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of the National Council of Negro Women.

Natalie Leath is a native of Tacoma. She is the Toastmistress of the international Olympia chapter of the National Council of Negro Women. She is employed at the Civilian Personnel Office, McChord AFB.

Another highlight of the evening was the Foxx Follies presentation of "Red, White and Blues". The paly held the audience captivated during the entire production.

The evening began with a social buffet, remarks by Col. Rodney Cox and an introduction by First Lt. Cheryl Edman. The film "Emerging Woman" was viewed. The event was presented in conjunction with Black History Week.

Entertainment Review Play At McChord

McChord AFB---McChord Air Force Base and the Skylark Recreation Center announce an exclusive, one-time showing of the Broadway hit "A RAISIN IN THE SUN" for the military community. Wednesday, February 18, at 8 p.m., the Skylark will present the stage production of this fine play by Black Arts/West, a Black professional company from Seattle.

"A Raisin in the Sun" is a pioneer play in the Black Theatre Movement. In 1959, it was the first full length Black play produced on Broadway by the first Black director on Broadway, ever. Voted the best American play of 1958-59 and winner of the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, it has survived the test ot time. Its message and significance is as relevant today as it was 17 years ago when it took Broadway by storm.

Skylark Recreation Center presents this fine sample of dramatic art as part of McChord AFB's participation in Black Culture Month. Active duty or retired military people and their dependents are invited to attend.

The general public can view the same production in Seattle at the Cirque Theatre, 3406 East Union, on other dates through February 29.

McIlvaigh Junior High.. Yesterday - Today - Tomorrow

The theme of the McIlvaigh Jr. High Black History presentation on February 12 was "Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow". The guest speaker, Ms. Regina Glenn, director of the Technology Transfer Center of Tacoma, was introduced by Denise Scott.

Ms. Glenn divided her presentation into three sections. The first emphasized an overview of her personal life. The second spoke to the Bicentennial Celebration and our roles as Black participants. The third area advised the students to be all that they can be. Ms. Glenn encouraged Black Americans to "not clebrate but commemorate 200 years of struggling against odds". Flowers were presented to the speaker at the end of the program.

Involved in the activity were Mr. R. Thomas, counselor at McIlvaigh. He expressed pride in the fact that the program was planned and presented by the students. "Lift Every Voice and Sing" was sung by the audience. Also participating in the program were Linda Johnson, Johnny Donahue, Bessie Young, Vicky Williams, Troy Davis, 'Sweet Ice' band, Sweetheart singing group. The principal, Mr. Wentworth, presented closing remarks.

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Minority Recruitment

The Minority Concerns Task Force of Tacoma met with representatives of the Tacoma Police Department January 28 to discuss the recruitment of 'minorities'.

Sgt. Lou Barzer and Sgt Burt Joyce were designated by the police department to present information about hiring and recruitment practices with regard to women and 'minorities'. Sgt. Barzar, in particular, is concerned about recruiting more minorities than presently being done and gave suggestions on how to accomplish the task.

The MTCF voted to support Sgt. Barzar in his efforts toward increasing minority recruitment. The action committee agreed to start researching the problem by inviting some of the prime agencies involved to speak before the Task Force.

The following agencies will speak to MTCF concerning employment practices:

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Shortly after the club reopened this year, $10,000 of newly-installed sound equipment was stolen. In its place was a note: "We waited."

IMMUNIZATION EFFECTIVENESS SEEN IN MEASLES REDUCTION - 8

OLYMPIA -- The incidence of measles in Washington has dropped steadily since the vaccine came into general use ten years ago, with only 5,354 cases reported for the past five years, compared to 13,116 cases for the previous five-year period.

John A. Beare, M.D., director of the Division of Health Services for the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), said cases reported last year totaled only 287, and in 1974 only 206. The downward trend was already well established in the years 1971, 1972 and 1973, with totals of 2.062, 1,763 and 1,026 respectively.

"Complete protection from measles can be provided with just one dose of vaccine," Beare said, "and that's one reason why this particular disease gives us such an impressive demonstration of the effectiveness of immunization. Unfortunately, protection from most of the other preventable diseases requires a series of four immunizations spaced four to six months apart. The value of the first immunization is insufficient if the next three are not given at prescribed intervals, and too few children under the age of two are completing the series."

A survey of DSHS last March showed that most children in Washington (96 percent) were starting the prescribed immunization during the first two years of life. But only 46 percent in this age group were completing the series recommended for full protection.

This problem is the target of a DSHS immunization project presently conducting an information campaign using radio spot announcements, exhibits at medical conventions, immunization education materials provided through

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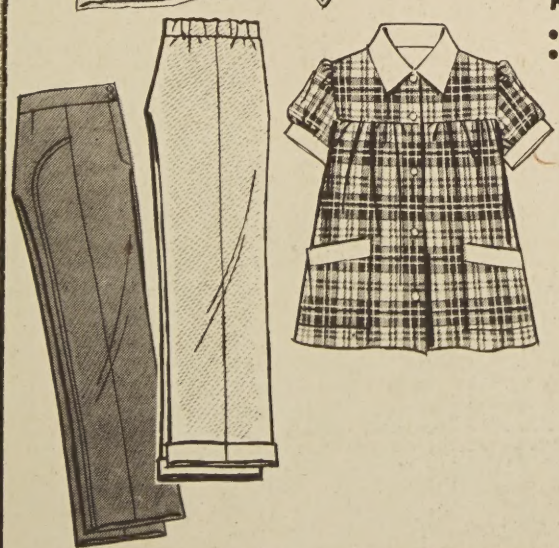

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Although the above named persons represent different age groups and generations, they very successfully combined their efforts to present a Bicentennial Commemoration of Black History Week at the City Association of Colored Women's Clubs.

The program began with a viewing of the emotion-packed film on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King entitled "Legacy of a Dream". The Martin Luther King Singers followed the showing of the film with the singing of "I Have a Dream", "Free at Last", "I'm Going to see the King", "He's So Real in My Heart Today". The M.L. King Singers are primarily composed of members of Ft. Lewis base. Ms. Toni Neal wrote the first song rendered by the group. She is also the directress and the daughter of Ms. Myrtle Neal.

Mrs. Coleman, eighty-one years of age, sang two songs followed by renditions by the Progressive Seniors. Gymnastics by Kim Edwards and Freda Brooks were enjoyed by all. Reggie Ray of Faust High School presented Black poetry and impersonations of Johnny Mathis, Al Green, Dr. King, and Nat 'King' Cole. Speakers for the evening were Ms. Velma Halliburton who spoke of the "History of Blacks in America", and Mr. Ralph Hayes who presented enlightening facts on the involvement of Blacks in history-making capacities in our state.

Ms. Bertie Edwards served as Mistress of Ceremonies. Ms. Freddie Barnett is the president of the Asberry Cultural Club. Ms. T. Morris was chairman of the affair. She was also chosen as "Woman of the Year" by club members. The event also included exhibits and a bake sale.

Dee Davis Appearance Highlights Black History Week Observance At P.L.U.

An appearance by actress Ruby Dee and her husband, director Aussie Davis, along with the showing of a film on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, are highlights of the Black History Week observance at Pacific Lutheran Univeraity this week.

The film program, "King: Montgomery to Memphis", will be held Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. in Ingram Hall.

Dee and Davis will present a program of dramatic readings and a history of Black art and culture Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. in Eastvold Auditorium. The programs are sponsored by BANTU, PLU's Black Student Union.

Ruby Dee has performed on Broadway in "Purlie Victorious" and "A Raisin in the Sun". Her off-Broadway credits include "The World of Sholem Aleichem".

She most recently starred in the Joseph Papp production of "Boseman and Lena" and played several leading roles with the American Shakespeare Festival.

Davis has directed for 35 years. His film credits include "Cotton Comes to Harlem", "Black Girl", "Kongi's Harvest", and "Gordon's War".

A long-time civil rights leader, he has also published a eulogy to the late Malcolm X in "The Voice of Black America: Major Speeches by Negroes in the U.S. 1791-1971".

NOTICE

TAMBOURINES TO GLORY AT TACOMA'S FORUM

Black Arts/West Theatre's production of the Black Gospel musical by Langston Hughes, TAMBOURINES TO GLORY, will be presented at the Forum Auditorium in Tacoma on Sunday, February 22nd, at 3:00 p.m.

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